

Management Team will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 16 beginning at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed, and on September 17, 18 and 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the draft stock assessments, prepare the annual stock assessment and fishery evaluation document, prepare final recommendations for management of the groundfish fisheries in 1997, including review of sablefish and Pacific whiting management plans.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 5, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of its salmon stock review team for Puget Sound chinook and Strait of Juan de Fuca coho salmon stocks.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 25, 1996, beginning at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Conference Center of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, 6700 Martin Way East, Olympia, WA; telephone: (360) 438-1180.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Coon, Fishery Management Coordinator (Salmon); telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to complete a review of the status of some Puget Sound chinook and Strait of Juan de Fuca coho stocks as required under the Council's salmon fishery management plan when a stock fails to meet its spawning escapement objective for 3 consecutive years. This is expected to be the final meeting of the group.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 6, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### Endangered Species; Permits

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of modification 5 to permit 848 (P507D) and modification 7 to permit 825 (P513).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued modifications to two permits that authorize takes of Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) at Olympia, WA and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at Portland, OR (CRITFC).

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The modifications to permits were issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS

regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Notice was published on July 19, 1996 (61 FR 37722) that an application had been filed by WDFW (P507D) for modification 5 to scientific research/enhancement permit 848. Modification 5 to permit 848 was issued to WDFW on September 6, 1996. Permit 848 authorizes WDFW annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a supplementation program at the Tucannon River Fish Hatchery. For Modification 5, WDFW is authorized an increase in the number of hatchery smolts to be released annually in the upper watershed of the Tucannon River. Also for modification 5, WDFW is authorized to retain all of the adult, ESA-listed, natural-origin salmon that return to the hatchery adult trap each year for broodstock if the total annual adult returns to the trap is less than 105 fish. If the total annual adult returns to the trap is greater than or equal to 105 fish, WDFW is authorized to retain up to 70 percent of the adult, ESA-listed natural-origin salmon that return to the hatchery adult trap each year for broodstock and to release the remaining percentage of ESA-listed adult salmon above the hatchery trap for natural spawning. Modification 5 to permit 848 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 848 expires on March 31, 1998.

Notice was published on July 3, 1996 (61 FR 34800) that an application had been filed by CRITFC (P513) for modification 7 to scientific research permit 825. Modification 7 to permit 825 was issued to CRITFC on August 30, 1996. Permit 825 authorizes an annual take of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with several scientific research studies. For modification 7, CRITFC is authorized an annual take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to monitor the extent of dissolved nitrogen gas supersaturation effects on outmigrating juvenile anadromous fish in the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. Modification 7 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 825 expires on December 31, 1997.

Issuance of the permit modifications, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-